ly and all relevant staff on duty were frisked but the money could not be recovered. The passenger lodged an F.I.R. with the Police Station, International Terminal I.G.I. Airport, New Delhi. The Police investigations are on.

(c) and (d) All claims pertaining to the loss or pilferage of registered baggage are settled as per the Carriage by Air Act; on weight loss basis. Passengers are also advised to carry currency, jewellery, negotiable instrument, etc. in their hand baggage. The details of the incidents and the compensation paid during the last three years is as follows:—

Year	No. of cases	Amount of compensation paid
1991-92	22	INR 5043 USD 398
1992-93	24	INR 10960 USD 1960
1993-94	28	INR 4532 USD 190

Upgradation of Airports

3248. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to upgrade a number of airports in the country to International standards and to equip them with all navigational and ground landing facilities to receive charter flights from abroad to reduce heavy landings and number of flight operations at Bombay, Delhi and Calcutta International Airports;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the number of airports in Gujarat, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh which are likely to be upgraded to International Route Standards in the next three years?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Calicut Goa, and Hyderabad airports are being upgraded with all modern passenger amenities, navigational aids and communication facilities.

(c) Vadodara in Gujarat, Nagpur in Maharashtra and Indore in Madhya Pradesh are being developed as model airports with provisions of immigration and customs facilities to cater to limited international operations.

Staff strength of Vayudoot

3249. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of employees working with Vayudoot, both technical and non-technical;

(b) whether the employees of Vayudoot will be absorbed by the Indian Airlines; and

(c) if so, the number of employees absorbed by Indian Airlines so far?